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Israeli mission sprayed with bullets

PARIS (R) — Masked men Wednesday raked an Israeli embassy building with machine-gun fire in a nighttime attack in central Paris and the embassy immediately blamed the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), which later said it had no information on the attack. Police said no one was injured in the midday attack on the Israeli purchasing mission headed by Brig. Gen. Amir Reuveini, which concentrates on military equipment. They said three men sprayed the front of the embassy annex on the Boulevard Malesherbes with machine-gun fire and then escaped in a car.

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Brezhnev is in hospital

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev is receiving hospital treatment for an undisclosed ailment, reliable sources said on Wednesday. The 75-year-old Soviet leader was said to have been admitted to a special hospital near the Kremlin, which treats members of the Soviet leadership, after returning to Moscow last Friday in poor health from a provincial tour. The sources said details of President Brezhnev's condition were scant. But they added he felt much better on Wednesday than he did Tuesday. Official Soviet sources in line with practice in the past refused to discuss the question of President Brezhnev's health and it seemed unlikely there would be any official announcement.

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Teams appeal to Iraq on decision

ABU DHABI (R) — Teams competing in the Gulf Soccer Tournament here appealed to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein on Wednesday night to reconsider his decision to withdraw Iraq from the tournament. The president made his decision as a gesture of goodwill towards Kuwait, the Gulf champions who will be taking part in the world cup finals in Spain in June. Iraq, the tournament leaders, were due to play Kuwait on Thursday, but the president said in a letter to the players: "Because the tournament is of special importance to our brothers in Kuwait, which has national and brotherly ties with us and is our neighbour, we would like you to withdraw from the games in favour of Kuwait."

Sharon delays trip to Egypt

TEL AVIV (A.P.) — Defence Minister Ariel Sharon has delayed a trip to Egypt designed to solve a simmering border dispute between Israel and Egypt, a Defence Ministry spokesman said Wednesday. Gen. Sharon was invited to visit Cairo this Sunday by Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali. Israel and Egypt have been at loggerheads over the precise location of their border south of the Israeli port city of Eilat on the Gulf of Aqaba. "The only reason he cannot go next week is because of lack of time," said Dan Weinreich, Gen. Sharon's spokesman.

Iranian copter shot down, 2 vessels hit

NICOSIA (A.P.) — An Iranian helicopter gunship was shot down at sea by Israeli forces in continuing fighting in southern Iran, a communiqué broadcast by Baghdad Radio reported Wednesday. The communiqué said the helicopter gunship was shot down by Israeli anti-aircraft guns over the Shush-Dezful area where major battles raged between the Iraqi and Iranian forces for the last 10 days. A "large Iranian naval target" was destroyed and another medium-size target was hit by Israeli naval vessels at 1300 local time (1000 GMT) at Khor Moussa on the Shatt Al Arab waterway, the communiqué added. The communiqué said 22 Iranian troops were killed in the past 24 hours, mostly near Ahwaz, capital of the southern Iranian province of Khuzestan, the communiqué added.

Foreign sub in Scottish waters

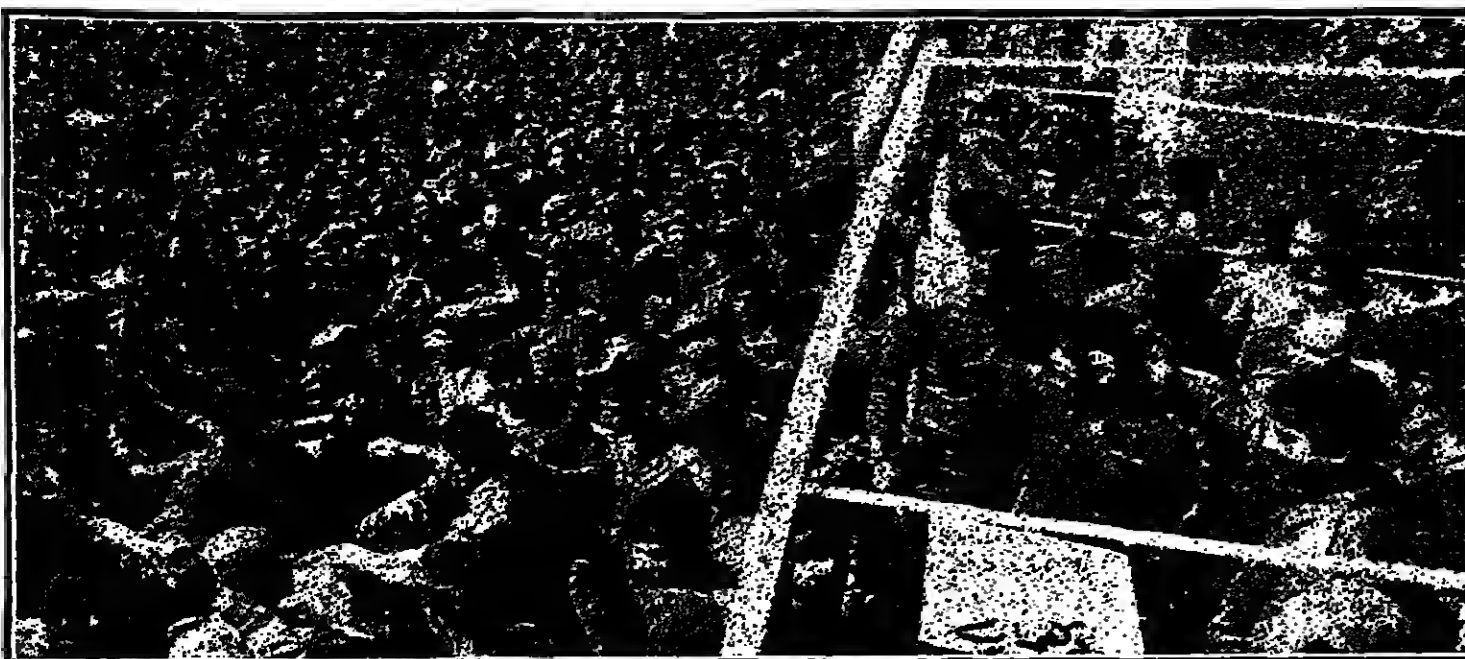
LONDON (R) — An unidentified foreign submarine is under surveillance in international waters off the west coast of Scotland, Britain's Royal Navy announced Wednesday. It said in a statement the submarine had been tracked by Royal Navy frigates, Sea King helicopters and Nimrod patrol aircraft. A defence ministry spokesman said it was unusual for a foreign submarine to be in this area. "It's being kept under surveillance," he said.

Australian minister meets Ali in Cairo

CAIRO (R) — Australian Foreign Minister Tony Street had a one-hour meeting Wednesday with Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali to discuss his participation in the Sinai peacekeeping force and political movements in the Middle East, an official spokesman said. Mr. Street completed on Tuesday night on his first day of a five-day mission to the Middle East. He is expected to leave for his home country on Wednesday. The 10,000-sq-km Sinai Peninsula was taken by Israel in 1967 and is being returned to Egypt under a 1978 peace treaty.

JETT gets 5 new pullman

AMMAN (J.T.) — Express Tourist Travel's off-duty (JETT) recently received five new pullman buses, valued at 150,000. The new buses, which are the latest model, are being used for the company's long-distance tours. The company is also planning to purchase more buses in the near future.



His Majesty King Hussein and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein (far right) wave to Jordanian and Arab volunteers of the Yarmouk Force during a visit to their camp in Iraq on Wednesday (photo by Zohrab)

'The time has come for political parties'

By Maaz D. Shukayr
Special to the Jordan Times
AMMAN — His Majesty King Hussein was quoted Wednesday as saying he agreed that "the time has come" to allow the formation of political parties in Jordan, but warned against the dangers inherent in transferring inter-Arab differences into the country.

He was speaking in an interview published here in the first issue of a new Jordanian magazine, Al Oufuq.

King Hussein told the editors of Al Oufuq a "search" was now under way for a "formula to revive and organize political life (in Jordan), in a way that guarantees, first and foremost, the unity of our people, of our march and of our objectives."

But, he stressed, the situation here "does not tolerate the transfer of a distorted image of inter-Arab relations into Jordan." In addition to the interview with King Hussein, the magazine reported that "preparations are almost complete" for the establishment of Jordan's first political party since the 1950s.

It said the proposed party, to be called the Arab Constitution Party, will hold a "constituent conference" to approve the grouping's charter, in preparation for a licence application. It did not say when the conference would be held, but it claimed that 150 "prominent Jordanians" would attend, including "a number of former cabinet members, professors from both universities and the National Consultative Council."

The magazine did not mention any names, but it published the pictures of Transport Minister Ali Suheimat, Education Minister Said Al Tal and former Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Jamal Al Shalabi.

The proposed party, according to Al Oufuq, will advocate Arab unity, democracy, social justice, economic development and freedom and equality for all Jordanians.

In the interview with the magazine, King Hussein said Jordan "has achieved a lot" over the past few years. Most important, he added, "we have achieved a degree of stability that can enhance political thought and give it a strong push along the path to moderation and responsibility."

But, King Hussein cautioned, "you know the size of current facts."

"Only through unity of stand and objectives can we deal with the occupation and the resolutions of the Rabat summit," he said.

The seventh Arab summit conference, held in Morocco in October, 1974, decided that the Palestine Liberation Organisation was the "sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people."

He was asked to comment on "leaks, probably from Washington," that there was now a need for a "Jordanian-Palestinian coalition that can overcome the obstacle of Washington's and Tel Aviv's refusal to conduct official dialogue with the PLO," as a prerequisite for any post-Camp David peace moves.

"It is not a question of a coalition or dialogue with this party or that. These are formalities. (The facts are that) there is an occupied land, and consensus was reached in (Security Council) Resolution 242 (of November 1967) that land cannot be acquired by force. There is also a Palestinian people under occupation, which must determine its future freely on its own land."

King Hussein said Jordan "does not accept, nor will it be part of any dialogue over" the Israeli premise that "the occupied land — the West Bank and Gaza — is the Land of Israel," and that the Palestinian Arabs are "a problem for which a solution has to be found."

King says all is well in Iraq

AMMAN (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein returned to Amman Wednesday at the end of a two-day visit to Iraq where he held talks with President Saddam Hussein on the military situation along the battlefield with the Iranian enemy. The talks also covered current Arab and international affairs and their impact on the Arab issues in general and the Palestine problem in particular, and dealt with a number of common issues of concern to Jordan and Iraq.

Upon his arrival at Amman Airport, King Hussein was met by Her Majesty Queen Noor, Crown Prince Hassan and several senior government officials and army officers.

Soon after his return King Hussein chaired a cabinet meeting attended by the Crown Prince, President of the National Consultative Council Ahmad Al Tarawneh and Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Bahjat Al Talhouqi as well as several high-ranking government officials.

At the meeting the King reassured them as to the Iraqi military situation in all its aspects by describing in detail the progress of the battles against the Iranians and the developments at the front in the past two weeks which yielded honourable results for the Iraqi army.

King Hussein explained the reasons that called for the redeployment of the Iraqi forces in accordance with sound military principles and tactics. "This redeployment which took place within the Iranian territory is bound to strengthen the Iraqi position along the front to conform with the nature of the war in its political and military dimensions and in compliance with instructions of the Iraqi armed forces command and its strategy and aims," King Hussein said.

He expressed his total satisfaction with the Iraqi situation "thanks to the skill of the Iraqi armed forces command, the army's high morale and the people's rallying behind the armed forces which are confident of their victory over the Iranian enemy."

Iraq said on Tuesday that after a week of fierce battles in the Iranian oil province of Khuzestan, President Hussein had decided to order his Fourth Army corps to withdraw to new positions.

In a message to the commander of the corps, which had been entrenched west of the towns of Dezful and Shush, President Hussein appealed to his troops "not to feel bitterness for the land you are leaving voluntarily."

The emir of Kuwait telephoned President Hussein on Wednesday. An official statement in Kuwait said that the two leaders discussed issues of common interest.

The Iraqi news agency on Wednesday quoted the commander of the Fourth Army corps as saying his units still controlled hundreds of kilometres of Iranian territory and that Iran had lost "two-thirds of its force in men and equipment" in the offensive.

The Iraqi news agency said President Hussein and the King had spent Wednesday morning visiting training camps of the all-volunteer Yarmouk Force from Jordan and from within Iraq to back up the regular Iraqi forces.

The King addressed the volunteers, and praised their nationalist and patriotic stands by volunteering to fight Iraq in its just struggle in defence of the Arab Nation and its rights.

The volunteers greeted the King and President Hussein with cheers of support and confidence in their leaderships, reiterating their readiness to sacrifice their lives in defence of the Arab homeland.

Upon departure from Baghdad later on Wednesday, the King was accompanied by President Hussein and senior Iraqi government officials.

King Hussein sent a cable to President Hussein expressing his appreciation for the hospitality accorded to him and his delegation during the visit, and renewed Jordan's full support for Iraq and its rights.

Returning with the King were Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi, Court Minister Amer Kamash and Commander-in-Chief of the Jordanian Armed Forces Lt. Gen. Sharif Ibn Shaker.

Egyptian leaders discuss Gulf war

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak Wednesday discussed with his aides ways of balking the Gulf war between Iran and Iraq as both sides reported continued fighting in the 18-month-old conflict.

Senior presidential adviser Osama Al Baz told journalists: "Our main concern is how to stop this war which is causing a great deal of insecurity and instability in the Middle East ... Egypt is supporting Iraq but has not sent any troops to fight on the Iraqi side."

He said Egypt had sold Iraq quantities of ammunition. Early in the war Egypt also sent some spare parts for Iraq's Soviet-equipped army, officials said.

Fresh violence erupts in West Bank

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Israel Wednesday rejected strong criticism of its West Bank policies by the European Common Market as Britain's foreign secretary began talks with Israeli leaders on healing differences over the future of occupied Arab lands amid fresh violence in the West Bank.

The Israeli rejection was pointedly issued at about the same time as Lord Carrington, who arrived in Jerusalem on Tuesday night for a two-day visit, went into his first formal meeting with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Fresh violence erupted in the West Bank as Lord Carrington opened his Jerusalem talks. Security sources said a prominent member of an Israeli-sponsored Village League was wounded by a boobytrap bomb in his car at Tarkumia and a curfew was imposed on Beit Jala after a petrol bomb was thrown at an Israeli bus, injuring one person.

It was the 13th day of a civil uprising in the West Bank over Israel's removal of elected Arab mayors.

Israeli state radio said Mr. Shamir personally stressed rejection of the EEC stand during his one-hour conversation with Lord Carrington. No statement was issued after the meeting.

During a mid-morning tour of the Yad Vachem memorial to Jewish victims of the Nazi holocaust, Lord Carrington was told by an Israeli guide that Britain's appeasement of Hitler in the 1930s pointed the lesson that Israel should not appease the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

If the foreign secretary made any reply, it was not recorded. Britain and other EEC countries argue that the PLO must be brought into negotiations aimed at bringing lasting peace to the Middle East.

In Tarkumia, near the big West Bank town of Hebron, village headman Kamal Fatafa was wounded in the leg when the boobytrap bomb exploded in his car. Security sources said his injuries were serious but hospital officials indicated later that his wounds were less grave than at first thought.

Mr. Fatafa was a leader of one of the Village Leagues set up by Israel two years ago in the occupied territory. The leagues, two of whose members have been killed in ambushes, were designed as an alternative to the elected West Bank mayors.

Many members have resigned since Jordan issued a warning three weeks ago that anyone continuing to cooperate with the Israelis would face treason charges.

Beit Jala, a town with 10,000 residents, was the fifth West Bank town to come under curfew during the present unrest in which more than 120 Palestinian youths have been detained. At least five more were killed by Israeli forces in the early days of the uprising.

During an hour-long meeting with Lord Carrington, Prime Minister Begin described the EEC's statement on Israeli policy in the West Bank as hurtful. Israeli officials said.

U.S. says arms talks with Soviets made no progress

WASHINGTON (A.P.) — President Ronald Reagan conferred Wednesday with his top nuclear weapons negotiators, who then said that talks with the Soviet Union on arms reductions have made no progress on the major issues.

The president spent about 30 minutes with Paul Nitze, the U.S. representative at talks with the Soviet Union in Geneva, and with Eugene Rostow, director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

Mr. Rostow said that Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev has taken "a very hard line, I'm sorry to say, and so far it has not been a very serious negotiation."

Mr. Nitze said that while there was progress achieved in secondary issues that he did not discuss, "I can't say we've made any progress" on the major issues in the Geneva talks.

The negotiations have been recessed for several weeks and are scheduled to resume in May.

Mr. Rostow voiced strong opposition to a proposal advanced by Senator Edward Kennedy to freeze nuclear weapons at current levels, calling it "a trap for us" because it would remove Soviet incentives to negotiate reductions.

made, still awaits thorough scientific investigation. Yet many who have taken it report a noticeable improvement in vigour within 24 hours.

Khubbbeiz has so far not been a fashionable thing to eat. Despite its abundance and low price it



The round-heart-shaped leaves of khubbbeiz, the plant with life-prolonging qualities (photo by Youssef Al 'Allan)

Qasem back from Tunis

AMMAN (Petra) — Deputy Foreign Minister of the German Democratic Republic Klaus Willerding Wednesday voiced his country's support for the Palestinian people's legitimate rights and Jordan's stand on the Palestinian problem.

He was speaking at a meeting he held with Information Ministry Under-Secretary Peter Salah with whom he reviewed scopes of cooperation between his country and

Jordan particularly in radio and television. The two also reviewed the current developments on the occupied Arab territories and the Palestinian uprising against Israel's illegal measures.

Mr. Willerding arrived here Wednesday at the start of a three-day visit to Jordan. He was met at the airport by Foreign Ministry's Secretary-General Amer Shammout and the East German ambassador to Jordan.

E. German envoy holds talks

AMMAN (Petra) — Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem returned to Amman Wednesday after leading Jordan's delegation to the Arab League ministerial council's meeting in Tunis to discuss the situation in the occupied Arab territories.

The Jordanian delegation submitted to the meeting a working paper outlining the Israeli measures against the Palestinian people in the occupied homeland and Jordan's measures to counter the Israeli practices against Palestinians, Mr. Qasem said.

The paper, he added, also contained Jordan's views "as to what the Arab countries should do to enhance the Palestinian steadfastness and foil the enemy's plans aimed at evacuating the occupied territories of their inhabitants and establishing Jewish settlements."

In the working paper Jordan called for the implementation of a joint Arab action plan endorsed by the Baghdad, Amman and Tunis Arab summits, the Minister said.

New find in Jordan may herald longer life at low cost

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A plant which grows wild in Jordan has been found to prolong life and contribute to human vitality, according to an Arab-American medical research team working here.

Dr. Yahya Al Omrain, who heads the team, recently told the Jordan Times that research his group has been carrying out in Jordan showed that inhabitants of a village in the Balqa (East of Amman) area lived longer and led healthier lives simply by eating mallow leaves more frequently and more regularly.

Dr. Omrain, who is a naturalised U.S. citizen born in Jordan, said this conclusion has been arrived at after five years of preliminary studies and over three years of scientific team research.

The mallow herb, locally known as khubbbeiz, is abundant in Jordan and Palestine, and it is believed that the ancient Romans cultivated it.

"It is an important scientific finding which could have far-reaching economic effects," Dr. Omrain said, "and we are proud to announce it."

The other team members were as jubilant when they talked to the Jordan Times about how the whole thing started and developed, even though they preferred not to be identified at this stage.

On holiday in Jordan in 1974, Dr. Omrain could not but notice that the average life expectancy among the Salt villagers whom he later studied was above that of the mean in Jordan and elsewhere in other rural areas. He had res-

earched in gerontology for many years at the University of California at Los Angeles, and "was not going to let go" of what he noticed at Salt.

Having verified his preliminary studies, he invited old colleagues—Arab American gerontologists and botanists "who would be interested"—to join him in the project in 1979.

Three obliged, "and the programme took off."

Raising funds was by no means easy. "But scientists usually found their way whenever they promised to add a few years to somebody's lifespan," Dr. Omrain jokingly said.

How the team singled out khubbbeiz as the key to longevity and vitality among the villagers will remain a secret for the time being, he said.

"The scientific aspect of our research leading to its conclusion has to be verified by some other people before it can be published," Dr. Omrain said. "But that our friends at the village consumed a lot of khubbbeiz was more than evident," he conceded.

What cannot be a secret at this stage however is the fact that mallow (family Malva: old Latin name from Greek, referring to the emollient leaves) is rich in vitamins E, C and B-15.

Vitamin E, called The Rejuvenation Vitamin by a leading American gerontologist (Carlson Wade), is claimed to build resistance to allergies, help heal ulcers, cure headaches, increase fertility and potency, lower cholesterol, improve circulation, nourish the heart, help fight viruses and may even help reverse the aging process. It is known that vit-

amin E is an anti-oxidant and, therefore, aids in preventing free radicals in the body which have been implicated in aging. Albert Rosenfeld, an American professor of human biological chemistry and author of the book Prolongevity, reports that many people, including gerontologists, take mas-

sive doses of vitamin E for this reason. He himself takes a daily dose of 100 units a day.

Vitamin C, another anti-oxidant, is believed to reinforce the effects of E, so proponents advise taking these supplements together.

The efficacy of vitamin B-15, for which many claims have been

remained, probably for these very reasons, a meal for the poor, fried with onions in oil and eaten with bread occasionally, especially in the spring time.

The place where one may find the herb is not in the supermarkets in fashionable areas or the quality restaurants (one restauranteur said: "It is really peasant's food

which can be prepared at home but not in our establishment." Another had not heard of it at all). But it could be found in downtown greengrocer stores. The restaurants the Jordan Times spoke to after the finding were virtually unanimous that even this new revelation may not raise demand for it, at least not in the immediate future."

Still, they may regret their lack of interest; the Jordan Times has learned that upon hearing about the finding a group of leading Jordanian businessmen from the private sector is studying plans to start farming khubbbeiz, so far growing in the wild. "It is quite a hardy plant that can thrive virtually anywhere in the Kingdom," Fala Al Ayyesh, an agricultural engineer and one of the main investors-to-be, said.

Another businessman, Adnan Al Kassab thought of a project a modest acreage of 200 dunums could be devoted for cultivating khubbbeiz. "But we hope we would expand that in the not too distant future with the possibility of offshoot industries being established to produce canned and frozen khubbbeiz so that it would be available in the market all year round," he said.

Mr. Kassab compared Khubbbeiz to oysters which remained, "food for the poor" in Europe well into the 19th century but which are considered now to be a delicacy. He declared, waving a khubbbeiz twig in his hand: "You are now looking at the oysters of the Arabs."

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Jordan Valley Authority President Omar Abdullah Dakhqan and representatives of two international construction firms sign an agreement for the national water network project Wednesday (Petra photo)

ional water network project Wednesday (Petra photo)

First-of-its-kind project

Two international firms sign for water network job

AMMAN (J.T.) — Two international firms, The U.K.'s George Wimpey International and Han Bo of South Korea, signed a contract here Wednesday to construct the first stage of a pipe network to bring drinking water from the Jordan Valley to Amman and other areas in Jordan.

According to Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) President Omar Abdullah Dakhqan, who signed the contract for the JVA, some 45 million cubic metres of water annually will be pumped from the Jordan Valley town of Deir Alla to Amman, Zarqa and Wadi Walla, and as far east as the eastern *badia* regions, when the project has been completed.

He told the Jordan Times water will be lifted some 1,300 metres to reach its destination, making the project unique in the world.

In the fully automated project, Wimpey's share

will be worth JD 7 million and Han Bo's JD 6 million, Mr. Dakhqan said. Apart from laying the pipelines for the water, the two firms will be helping in the construction of a water treatment station and another for pumping water, as well as the construction of a huge water tower, he added.

The whole project, expected to cost some JD 38 million, will be financed by the United States Agency for International Development, which will lend JD 8 million, the Saudi Development Fund (JD 17 million), the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (JD 8 million) and the Jordanian government.

Mr. Dakhqan told the Jordan Times that the second stage of the project will shortly be awarded to other international firms. The two stages are expected to be completed by the end of 1984.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Envoy to Kuwait presents credentials

KUWAIT (Petra) — The emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaher Al Ahmad Al Sabah, received Wednesday the credentials of Jordan's new Ambassador to Kuwait Saleh Al Zu'bi. The presentation ceremony was attended by the Kuwaiti Minister of State Abdul Aziz Hussein.

University doctor plans U.S. visit

AMMAN (Petra) — The University of Jordan will take part in an international conference on eye treatment which will open in Boston, Massachusetts on Friday. Participants in the three-day conference, organised by Harvard University, will discuss subjects connected with eye surgery and treatment by the use of laser beams, in addition to other modern scientific trends in eye treatment. Dr. Nureddin Arafat from the Jordan University Hospital's ophthalmology clinic will represent the university at the conference.

Irbid employees study administration

IRBID (Petra) — The Institute of Public Administration's Irbid branch will open a course on Saturday for employees of public and government institutions in Irbid Governorate. The course is designed to coordinate the exchange of expertise and information among various departments and organisations, with the aim of developing their administrative skills.

Metrology seminar starts Saturday

AMMAN (Petra) — A two-week seminar on metrology will open, at the Arab Organisation for Standardisation and Metrology in Amman on Saturday. Attending are 20 participants from 12 Arab states, who will hear 31 lectures by eight specialists on metrology and will watch a special documentary on the subject. They will discuss matters connected with metrology, units of measurement and international organisations' standards, as well as topics connected with the standards of weights and measures, taxi metres and terms and standards specifications for products. The participants will tour a number of Jordanian institutions whose functions are closely connected with subjects to be discussed at the seminar, including the Royal Scientific Society.

Merchants get short end of stick

AMMAN (Petra) — Four Jordanian merchants have been sentenced by the military court to one month in prison, and will have their stores closed for two weeks, for violating Ministry of Supply regulations. Two other merchants will be imprisoned for one month each, another will pay a JD 150 fine and a fourth will pay JD 40, for similar offences. The military governor Wednesday endorsed the sentences.

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Detail of a poster promoting National Book Week

National Book Week starts today

By Samira Kassar
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — National Book Week, sponsored by the Department of National Libraries, Documentation and Archives (DNLDA), begins on Thursday.

DNLDA Director Ahmad Sharkas, who is president of the regional branch of the International Council for Archives, told the Jordan Times that several book exhibitions in Amman, Ruseifa and the Jordan Valley town of Deir Alla are being held

to mark the occasion. A large exhibition of Arabic books will be held at the Islamic College in Amman, Dr. Sharkas added. At least 500 titles put out by publishers throughout the Arab World will be on show, he said.

Several Jordanian, Arab and international library experts will participate in the three panel discussions and seminars planned by the department during National Book Week, Dr. Sharkas said. The department is also distributing posters to promote interest in reading and books among the Jordanian public, he added.

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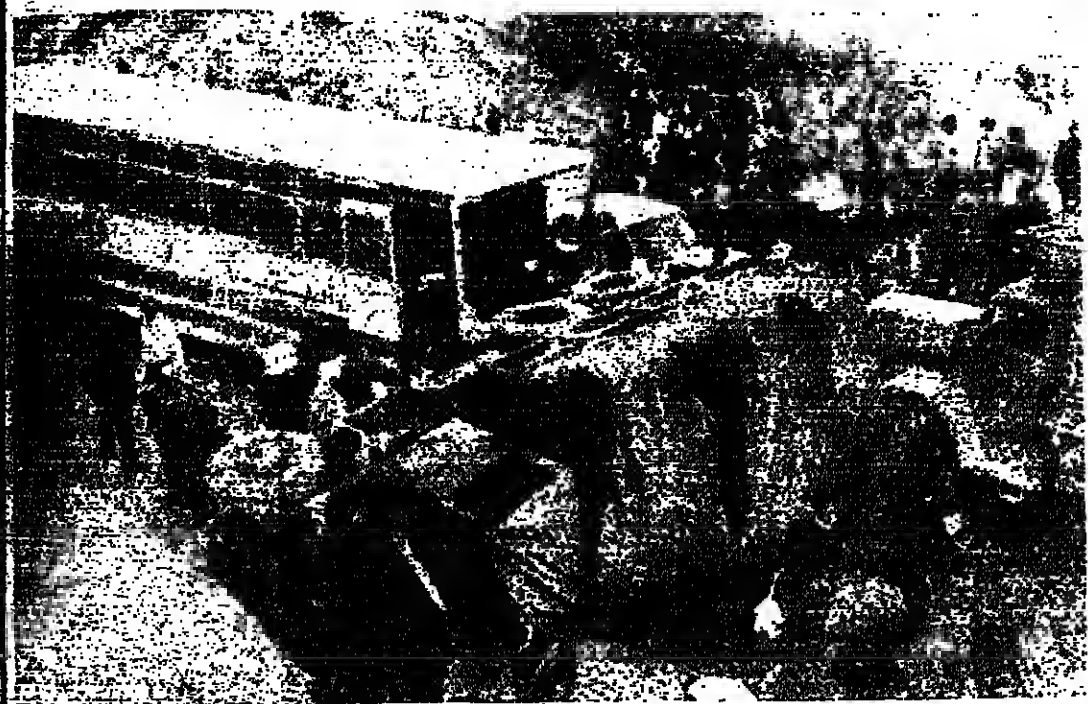
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Watch out for parked trucks!



JERASH (J.T.) — A four-way collision took place Wednesday afternoon along the Amman-Jerash road. No serious injuries were reported in the accident, which involved two trucks, a small car and a bus. According to eyewitnesses to the accident, which took place near the Jerash bridge, a truck loaded with cement sacks parked at the side of the road caused a military vehicle on the road to swerve. The military vehicle was hit from the rear.

the bus, causing it to overturn, striking the parked truck and blocking the road. A passenger car, travelling in the same direction as the bus, also hit the overturned truck. The eyewitness, who also took the above picture for the Jordan Times, was Mr. Imad Al Humoud from Yarmouk University's Department of Journalism and Mass Communication.

3 bridge closings set in April

AMMAN (Petra) — Both the King Hussein Bridge and the Prince Mohammad Bridge across the Jordan River will be closed from 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 7 and will reopen Friday morning, April 9, the Public Security Directorate announced Wednesday.

It said the two bridges will again be closed from Tuesday, April 13 until Thursday April 15, and from Tuesday April 27 until Thursday morning April 29.

Children's club project planned in Jabal Hussein

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Amman Municipality Studies Department has drawn up plans for a project to establish a Friends of Children club branch in Jabal Hussein, Al Ra'i newspaper reported on Wednesday.

The project aims at building a cultural, social and sports club to nourish creative and responsible members of society, the paper explained. The club will be built on a 4.5 dunum tract in Jabal Al Hussein which belongs to Amman Municipality.

The clubhouse will include a hall for games, one for handicrafts, a multi-purpose hall, an auditorium, a library, a children's shop and other facilities. It will be built on part of the site, leaving the rest as a park to serve both the public and the club, the paper added.

Compressor plant planned at Yarmouk U.

IRBID (Petra) — Yarmouk University says it has assigned a 100-dunum tract of land at its new campus for a factory to make compressors and other components used in the manufacture of refrigerators, in cooperation with the Pension Fund.

The university has already laid down initial studies for the project and its cost, a university spokesman said.

Meanwhile, the university announced Wednesday that it has completed construction of the first stage of the Faculty of Economy and Administrative Sciences building at its permanent campus. The 10,000-square-metre building cost JD 900,000, a spokesman said.

JETT gets 5 new pullman buses

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordan Express Tourist Transport Company (JETT) recently received five new pullman buses, that cost it nearly JD 150,000. With the new consignment, JETT's fleet includes 70 modern buses, operating on domestic routes and joining Amman with Damascus and Baghdad.

Court grants private school teachers equal salary rights

AMMAN (J.T.) — A labour relations court issued a decree on Tuesday equating private school teachers' salaries with those of Ministry of Education teachers' salaries, Al Ra'i newspaper reported on Wednesday.

The court also ruled that private school teachers should enjoy all allowances and receive salary increases granted Ministry of Education teachers, in addition to health insurance and a provident fund. The decree will be applied retroactively as from Sept. 1, 1981.

In view of the court's decision every private school teacher will have the right to bring a case before the court to receive back pay and other compensation due for the period elapsed, the paper said.

Walid Qattan gives thousands to university

AMMAN (J.T.) — Mr. Walid Hassan Qattan has donated JD 50,000 to the University of Jordan on behalf of his late father Hassan Qattan, Al Ra'i newspaper reported on Wednesday. The money will be used to help pay for a special education centre for handicapped children at the university, it said.

Mr. Qattan also donated JD 50,000, which was spent on the establishment of a nursing building; JD 60,000, on behalf of his mother, which was spent on establishing a student clinic, and JD 5,000 to pay tuition for four consecutive years for a number of university students, the paper added.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

- International Painters, at the Amman Marriott Hotel. Ends Friday.
- The Spring Flowers of Jordan, composed of works of art created from pressed flowers by Mrs. Rita Ghul, from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Ends Thursday.
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Turkish minister welcomes suggestion of Romania denounces Israeli repression in occupied lands

AMMAN (Petra) — Visiting Turkish Minister of Trade Kemal Canturk Wednesday welcomed a suggestion by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan for a round-table conference between Jordanian and Turkish officials and businessmen, to discuss prospects of industrial and trade cooperation.

He was speaking at a meeting held at the Amman Chamber of Industry attended by its director, Mr. Ali Dajani, and local industrialists and businessmen, as well as Turkish embassy staff.

The minister promised that his government will remove any obstacles that might be impeding Jordanian-Turkish trade relations. In a bid to bolster trade relations, he said, he will set up a special bureau to give information and answer enquiries by Jordanian merchants about trade with Turkey.

Mr. Canturk earlier Wednesday met with Labour Minister Jawad Al Anani, with whom he discussed the prospect of signing an agreement on cooperation in the employment of Turkish workers in Jordan. They agreed to sign such an agreement in Ankara in June.

Mr. Canturk also met Wednesday with Minister of Public Works Awad Al Masri to discuss bilateral relations. At a meeting

with Minister of Transport Ali Suheimat, the Turkish minister discussed his country's cooperation with Jordan in civil aviation and sea and land transport. They also explored the prospect of establishing joint companies to serve both countries.

Earlier, Mr. Canturk visited the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) and was briefed by RSS Director Albert Butros on the society's development and plans.



Mohammad Touqan (1918-1982)

Mohammad Touqan passes away

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran announced Wednesday the death of the same morning of former minister Mohammad Touqan.

The late Mr. Touqan was born in Salt 1918. He held a number of positions in the ministry of Foreign Affairs and national banks, and served as minister of state for cabinet affairs, minister of transport and mayor of Amman.

Deputy foreign minister arrives for visit

Romania denounces Israeli repression in occupied lands

AMMAN (J.T.) — Romania considers Israel's dissolution of the elected municipal councils on the occupied West Bank an aggressive act that by no means serves the cause of peace in the region, but will further aggravate the situation and is bound to lead towards an explosion, Romania's Deputy Foreign Minister Gheorghe Dolgu said here Wednesday.

Speaking upon arrival in Amman for a four-day visit to Jordan, Mr. Dolgu was quoted by the Jordan News Agency, Petra as saying his government has recently issued a statement strongly condemning Israel's repressive measures against the Arab population. "My country believes that a solution to the Middle East question can be achieved through negotiations, and that a durable and just peace can be attained only through a total Israeli withdrawal from Arab lands occupied since 1967," he said according to Petra. Romania is the only socialist-bloc country that has diplomatic relations with Israel.

The Romanian official praised the strong relations between his country and Jordan, and expressed hope that these relations will be further strengthened in the interest of both countries. Mr. Dolgu is scheduled to meet several cabinet ministers Thursday, and will also talk to University of Jordan President Abdul Salam Al Majali.

Upon his arrival here the Romanian minister was met by Jordan's Ambassador to Romania Nasser Al Batayneh and Romanian Charge d'Affaires in Amman Gheorghe Grosu.

Newspaper condemns Israel

Meanwhile, the Romanian Communist Party newspaper Scinteia, in its Wednesday edition, decried Israeli actions in the occupied Arab territories. It said that in recent days, "the occupied territories witness repressive measures which are bound to add new elements of tension in a region kept illegally under military occupation since 1967. The dismissal of elected mayors, imposition of a state of siege in many towns, repressive measures taken against the people—to which many individuals have fallen victim—as well as the strengthening of military domination, are new actions taken against the right of the people from the West Bank and Gaza Strip to decide freely on their own future, in accordance with their national aspirations," Scinteia said. It added: "The interests of peoples in the region, and of world peace, demand an end to these repressive measures by the Israeli authorities. They demand obedience to U.N. Security Council resolutions, which clearly stipulate the necessity of Israel's withdrawal from the territories occupied in 1967."

The struggle of the inhabitants of the occupied territories, the newspaper said, has the full support of the people, government and all public opinion in Romania, as well as of people of goodwill all over the world.

The paper quoted Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu as saying that "at present political and diplomatic efforts must be intensified to organise an international conference with active participation, and under the auspices of the U.N. All the parties involved in the Middle East conflict should participate in the conference, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation, as the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people."

Today's weather

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Jordan's opportunity

THE DISCOVERY by a team of Arab-American researchers headed by a Jordanian medical doctor that the *khubbeizeh* plant may have powerful life-prolonging properties strikes us as an important opportunity to be taken advantage of by the entire science and technology sector in Jordan. It has been the hallmark of this country that our most important national product is our skilled and educated manpower. Statistics already indicate clearly the relatively high proportion of our educated people in technical and professional fields. Yet, Jordan has not always been able to put this pool of skilled people to productive work, serving Jordan, the Arab World and countries further afield. The discovery that the locally abundant *khubbeizeh* plant could have an important medical role is perhaps the kind of opportunity that this country has long needed to make a significant contribution to the international world of medicine and science.

Our suggestion is that an interdisciplinary team of senior doctors, scientists and researchers be put together immediately so that a coherent, systematic and rational research programme could be implemented to discover the full potential of the heretofore ignored *khubbeizeh* plant. We have the skilled people in Jordan, as well as the research facilities, to design and implement this kind of high-powered research programme. A successful effort would allow this country to make a truly significant contribution to humankind's knowledge about medical science.

This is an opportunity that should not be lost. We hope the relevant official bodies in this field will appreciate the opportunity at hand and take full advantage of it.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Israel's main enemy

AL RA'I: A popular rally was held on Tuesday by the municipal and village councils in Jordan at the Palace of Culture, the Hussein Youth City on the anniversary of Land Day to express solidarity with the Palestinians in the occupied Arab territories and their mass uprising against the Israeli occupation authorities. This popular rally has highlighted the solidarity between the Jordanian and Palestinian people.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Ibe Regent addressed the rally expressing the will of the Jordanian leadership and people and their determination to remain the firm supporters of our kinfolk in the occupied territories. Prince Hassan warned against polarisation in the Arab region. He also warned against disputes among the forces of the Arab Nation and the gap that exists between knowledge and the ability to take decisions.

He called on the Arabs to reassess the Arab march so that they could shoulder their responsibilities, abandon negative trends, stick to united action and speak the same language because this is the only way they can confront the challenges threatening them now and in the future.

It is needless to say that a reassessment of the Arab march is very urgent at this very delicate period. This step necessitates courage and objectivity because the goal is to rebuild the united Arab file and the united Arab will, and to handle the gap that exists between knowledge and the ability to take decisions in the Arab arena. Prince Hassan stressed that Jordanian-Palestinian cooperation and Jordan's stand by the Palestinians and the Palestine Liberation Organisation are Israel's major enemies.

He also stressed that Jordan will continue to support our struggling kinfolk.

Arab solidarity of action

AL DUSTOUR: The popular rally which was held on Tuesday expresses the faithful solidarity between the Jordanian and the Palestinian people in confronting the common danger. It also stresses Jordan's stand with all its capabilities by the sons of Palestine in their honourable struggle to regain their rights and territories. His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan's participation in this popular rally confirms the Jordanian leadership's determination to remain committed to defend the Palestinian issue and to protect the right of the Palestinian people to determine their destiny on their national soil.

Prince Hassan explained that the sons of Jordan and Palestine have a view of the Palestinian tragedy other than that held by some Arab capital cities because the former are an integral part of the Arab Nation's message to defend Arab territories.

The Jordanian and Palestinian confrontation of the Zionist enemy aims at freeing the Arab territories and foiling the enemy's ambitions of expansion. Prince Hassan pointed out that Jordanian-Palestinian solidarity worries Israel which is doing its best and conspiring to sow sedition and break up the Arab file.

Jordan is committed to stand by the Palestinians and the Palestine Liberation Organisation. The popular rally is part of Jordan's commitment to defend the Palestinian issue and the rights of the Palestinian people. Prince Hassan has called for a reassessment of the Arab march in order to eliminate Arab weakness in facing current developments.

Solidarity with the Palestinian people does not come with words but with real action to support the heroic mass uprising of the Palestinian people. This is what Jordan has been doing and this what all Arab states must do before Israel fulfils touch them.

RED & BLACK

'The land speaks Arabic'

By Jawad Ahmad

The blind boy was led by his father to the beach. They sat there and the father took his child's hand and immersed it in the sea water. "How does it feel?" The father asked. "It feels good" came the boy's answer "but it tastes bad". "It's blue" the father said. "Blue" the boy wondered. "The sky is also blue", the father said. "Can I touch it?" the boy asked. "No... no, I am afraid you can't", chuckled his dad. A gusty wind blew and ruffled the boy's hair. "It's the wind", the father said. The very beautiful and intriguing question came from the innocent kid: "Dad,

what colour is the wind?" Nobody exactly knows what is the colour of the wind blowing in our region these days. Uncertainty seems to besiege all expectations. Under the circumstances, going back to essentials might be the answer. Putting straightforward answers is the proper course of action to pursue. In the maze of sophisticated analyses and extensive reports, the facts, the bare facts, go astray. What we need to do is to emulate what the Palestinians are currently doing in the occupied territories of Pal-

estine: Protest, declare your resistance, do something positive, and embarrass your enemy so he can reveal his real identity.

In response to Jordan's decision to prosecute all those collaborators and members of the Village Leagues, Israel had to show its real intentions. Their reactions so far show how frustrated they are. Now they threaten that if Jordan confiscates the property of the Village League members, they will reciprocate by confiscating the land and properties of Jordanians in the West Bank.

Such a response is as rid-

iculous as their threat is absurd. The lands that they have already confiscated are vast enough. They are occupiers of the land, and their integrity in respecting laws is undoubtedly non-existent. Moreover, the question of Israeli occupation is not a marginal one. We are not talking of a lot of land here, or a spread of land there. We are talking about a country which has been usurped.

It is good to let one's emotions flow because it is the objective thing to do. Objectivity is not always a synonym to coolness and controlled nerves. When it

comes to land, loss of identity, the rights of future generations, why not let emotions flow? This is the least one can permit himself.

A song by a blind Egyptian singer touches me to the core. The Land Speaks Arabic is the title of the song. If the Israelis have been successful in spoiling our present, we should spoil their future for them.

This Land Day of two days ago made my economic comments seem irrelevant. It is good for once to take leave of objectivity one week of the year. The Land Day is the optimal one to do so.



Israelis begin to question 'morality of occupation'

By Norman Kempster

One day this week, while violent confrontations gripped the cities and towns of the West Bank, an Israeli bus travelling between Bethlehem and Hebron in the Israeli-occupied territory swerved to block the highway and force an Arab taxi behind it to come to an abrupt stop.

The bus driver, accompanied by Israeli-civilians armed with automatic rifles, jumped out and berated the cab driver, apparently for some breach of motoring etiquette. According to an eyewitness who was riding in a car behind the taxi, the bus driver struck the cab several times with his fists.

After a few minutes, an Israeli army patrol arrived and calmed the situation, sending the bus and taxi on their way. There were no arrests.

Vigilant action by armed bands of Israeli civilians — most of them strongly nationalistic residents of the Jewish settlements of the West Bank — is becoming common.

Israel's state-owned but largely independent television network recently showed films of civilian settlers firing on demonstrating Arabs in troubled El Bireh. No one died then, but an Arab youth was killed a few days later, reportedly by a Jerusalem civilian.

The settlers' activities inflame an already overheated situation in the occupied territories, intensify Israeli-Arab animosities and contribute to a cycle of growing violence.

In another ominous dev-

elopment, the often violent Jewish Defence League led by American-born Rabbi Meir Kahane announced that it would "station guards at several points" on the West Bank and in predominantly Arab East Jerusalem "to protect the lives of Jews living in those areas." The league, which says it practices counterterrorism tactics, asserted that it "is willing to teach the security forces how to protect Jews."

Even without the intervention of civilian militants with sub-machine guns, the situation is tense throughout the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem. The territories have been the scenes of almost nonstop strife since Israel dismissed the elected Palestinian mayor of El Bireh for refusing to cooperate with the Israeli West Bank bureaucracy.

It seems clear that Prime Minister Begin's government intentionally provoked the present crisis by summoning Mayor Ibrahim Tawil to a meeting with the West Bank civil administrator, knowing he would refuse. It is less clear why Begin would choose to do this. One theory is that he wanted to act in the West Bank area to divert attention from the dispute over Israel's scheduled April 25 withdrawal from the Sinai.

The crackdown on West Bank supporters of the PLO continued without a loss of intensity despite Begin's narrow escape Tuesday in a parliamentary challenge. He apparently emerged with his prestige slightly dented but most of his political power intact.

However, the situation on the

West Bank has sparked a new debate within Israel about the impact of the 14-year-old occupation on the basic character of the Zionist state.

So far, most Israelis seem to believe that the Arabs deserve anything that happens to them. Israeli news reports usually stress that Arab demonstrators initiate most disturbances, often by throwing large and potentially deadly rocks at Israeli soldiers or civilians. And there is very little sympathy in Israel for the PLO, which most West Bank Arabs support but which most Israelis regard as a band of terrorists.

Nevertheless, a growing minority of Israelis is beginning to suggest that the military's get-tough policy, complete with harsh collective punishment, and the capricious activities of armed civilians are doing irreparable damage to Israel's self-image as the only humane democracy in the Middle East.

The widely respected Tel Aviv newspaper Ha'aretz said in a recent editorial: "The government, which thought it ought to allow the minister of defence an opportunity to break the Arab resistance, would do well to call a halt to this path. Greater Israel is not worth the brutalisation which will spread within us as a result of pursuing methods of repression required to attain it."

The leftist daily Al Hamishmar, while denouncing the Jewish settlers who shot at Arab demonstrators, added that the reaction of the Israeli public to seeing the

disturbing: "The people in Zion went to sleep as if nothing had happened, as if the pictures from the West Bank didn't concern them."

Amnon Rubenstein, who is dean of the law school at Tel Aviv University and the parliamentary leader of the tiny Shinui Party, complained that Begin was sacrificing Israel's morality in an effort to control the situation in the occupied territories.

"There is a legitimate discussion concerning territory," Rubenstein said in parliamentary debate. "There is no doubt that we must have defensible borders. But what will happen to the Jews here — what kind of society will there be here? And what will happen to the Arabs? Does anyone believe that they will (peacefully agree to) be a people without a political voice, without being allowed to have a say in their destiny?"

The harshest judgement came from Yeshayahu Leibowitz, a 79-year-old professor at Hebrew University, who was quoted by the Jerusalem Post as saying that "all occupation government are proto-Nazi."

The very process of maintaining military control over an unwilling civilian population is corrosive to the spirit of both the occupier and the occupied.

If the occupation lasts long enough, it invites dehumanisation that makes collective punishment of entire villages or even an entire race seem less abhorrent. Israel is sliding down that slippery slope. Davar, the voice of the opp-

osition Labour Party, said in an editorial: "The most worrisome problem, which should concern all thinking Israelis, is the moral deterioration bound up in forcing Israeli rule on a hostile population... The problem is not that of the Palestinians or of the Arabs as a whole, but of the (Israeli) young people who wish to live in an ethical Israeli society which aspires to justice and is proud of its values. The political fate of a Nahal resident should interest us, but the moral fate of the Israeli who fires on a demonstrator should move us."

It is not clear how this debate will effect Begin's policies or his ability to hold on to office until his term ends in 1985.

So far, most Israelis seem to agree with the pragmatic approach suggested by the afternoon newspaper Ma'ariv: "The iron-fisted policy currently being adopted in Judea and Samaria will be tested by success. If it is able to impose law and order in the raging cities and limit the influence of the PLO... it will not need moral defence."

By implication, that line of reasoning maintains that if the policy is not successful soon, it could become extremely unpopular. People who are willing to excuse the moral lapses of a successful government policy are apt to be far less tolerant of a government that applies questionable means without producing any desirable ends.

— International Herald Tribune

Milson riled by press

By James MacManus

After eight days of disturbance on the occupied West Bank, it is Israeli civil administrator of the territory, Professor Meir Milson, justified the dismissal of three mayors at an ill-tempered press conference.

In an opening statement, Professor Milson placed the violence in the context of a crucial struggle between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation. He said that the PLO whose "evil ideology" demanded the extinction of the state of Israel and of the Jewish people, controlled 10 or 15 West Bank mayors.

The PLO's aim, he said, was the destruction of any dialogue between Palestinians and the Israeli government about a future authority in the region. To the astonishment of journalists present, Professor Milson claimed that the PLO had successfully used terror and bribery to subvert the 1976 elections in which the mayors and their councillors had been elected.

When a journalist pointed out that the Israeli foreign ministry had issued statements declaring the elections to be fair and democratic, Mr. Milson claimed that only much later had Israel realised that the elections had been intimidated.

Pressed on this point, Professor Milson, who was summoned from university to head the West Bank administration last December, indulged in contortions of logic that left his listeners exasperated.

His irritation at this questioning showed after the press conference when a Swedish journalist, long resident in Jerusalem, attempted to continue her questions. Three times the professor demanded to know whether the woman supported the PLO and when she refused to answer the question, he remarked bitterly that many of her colleagues did.

The professor's frustration was perhaps understandable after a week in which his efforts to find a Palestinian consensus for an Israeli-run civil administration had foundered. The Professor believes that he will find that consensus once the PLO and "its agents" have been removed from the West Bank.

He insisted yesterday that Palestinian notables would be found to replace the dismissed mayors and that the ministry officers running three local governments could soon leave their jobs. Israel, he said, would negotiate with any Palestinian Arab who did not support the guerrilla organisation.

The administrator was then asked what Israel could possibly offer such Palestinians even if they could be found. It was pointed out that Mr. Begin's Government had said that the West Bank was to be retained forever just as the world Zionist organisation had published a master plan for the establishment of 120,000 Jewish settlers in the area by 1985.

The civilian administrator of Judea and Samaria, the biblical names by which Israel refers to the West Bank, could not adequately answer that question. He did say that the 18,000 acres of Jewish settlements in the territory could not be considered an impediment to peace since the overall area comprised 1.5 million acres. The theme of the professor's address was that a dialogue would be re-established between the government and West Bank Palestinians once PLO-orientated mayors had been dismissed.

From the mayor's office in Bethlehem just outside Jerusalem that seemed wildly optimistic. The local mayor, Mr. Elias Freij, one of the five Christian mayors on the West Bank, is a moderate man of great courage. He repeated yesterday that the only answer to the Israel-Arab conflict was Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories and "mutual, instant recognition".

More to the point as far as Professor Milson is concerned are the mayor's remarks on his West Bank policy. "He wants to demolish the fabric of the elected municipalities and replace them with puppets and quislings with whom he can talk. That is crazy because it must be obvious to him now that the people will not tolerate the removal of their elected representatives."

It is a measure of the bleak situation on the West Bank that a man who urges Arab nations to "challenge Israel to peace" can point to the evidence of mindless military rule from his office above Bethlehem's manger square. There, amid tourist shops, some open, some closed, is the mayor's own family business which makes mother of pearl and olive wood artefacts.

The shutters of that shop have been welded closed with oxy-acetylene torches to banish the mayor for his compliance in the commercial strike.

— Guardian

سكيا عذرا

Britain and France again at odds in EEC over '82 price rises

BRUSSELS (R) — Western Europe's 10 common market governments, still split by a damaging row over money, Wednesday began three days of tough bargaining on 1982 price rises for the EEC's eight million farmers.

Few diplomats expect agriculture ministers to come up with an accord during their marathon session, threatening even deeper divisions between their governments.

As in the long-standing dispute over Britain's payments to the budget of the European Economic Community (EEC), which marked a summit meeting of EEC leaders here Tuesday, the main protagonists will be France and Britain, the diplomats said.

The talks will also be held against a background of rowdy protests by the powerful farmers' unions, which Tuesday gave a forerunner by burning effigies of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and French Farm Minister Edith Cresson in the streets of Brussels.

Mrs. Thatcher warned other EEC leaders that she would veto agricultural price rises due by April 1 unless Britain gets the cash rebates it is seeking.

But French President Francois Mitterrand, looking for a speedy accord on a double-figure farm price rise, rejected the latest compromise plan on the budget issue, due to be discussed by EEC foreign ministers at a meeting in Luxembourg on Saturday.

Farmers, who rely for their incomes on the EEC's complicated system of guaranteed prices for a whole range of products from milk to olives, want a 16.3 per cent price rise to compensate them for rising costs.

France, Italy, Greece and Ireland — all with large rural populations — have backed the farmers' demands for at least a double-figure increase.

Britain, however, blames heavy spending on selling off the EEC's huge food surpluses for its budget problems. It has said that even the nine per cent price rise suggested by the EEC commission is too high.

Diplomats said a compromise around 11 per cent could be acceptable to all sides if there were a solution to the budget problem

and adjustments were made to the artificial currency exchange rates at which farmers are paid.

Freighters queue at Soviet ports

Large scale dock expansion programme continues

By Ralph Boulton
Reuter

MOSCOW — Growing congestion at the Soviet Union's over-loaded ports threatens to choke the country's industrial expansion and delay vital food imports.

Moscow is pouring funds into expanding and modernising its dock facilities, especially in the Soviet Union's far east, but queues of ships continue to grow at the older ports. The problem is worse in winter when many harbours and sea lanes freeze over.

A marine planning official working for the Soviet Union's most important merchant division, the Baltic Fleet, said unofficially: "The situation is getting pretty difficult up there with holdups, lack of equipment and, most of all, a railway system which can't cope. Frankly, I don't see any way out at the moment."

Many Western and Soviet officials agree that a further expansion of ports would only deepen the problem if the country's infrastructure of roads and railways is not radically modernised at the same time.

Igor Averin, head of the Soviet Maritime Ministry's international department, told Reuters that Baltic ports had suffered last winter from a combination of exceptionally bad weather and rail disruptions.

"We have ways of predicting the weather but the railways are beyond our control," he joked.

Last December 26 ships carrying badly needed grain supplies were delayed for up to two weeks at the Baltic port of Kaliningrad. The head of the port blamed the railways for not supplying enough goods wagons.

35 foreign firms in China's offshore bid

PEKING (R) — Thirty-five foreign companies have applied to participate in the first round of bidding for the right to exploit China's offshore oil, the China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) said Wednesday.

The deadline for submitting bids was 4 p.m. Tuesday. CNOOC, quoted by the New China News Agency (NCNA), said letters of notification were sent to 41 foreign companies last month.

NCNA said in February that letters had gone to 46 companies but Western oil experts said five firms had apparently not accepted the letters and six did not submit bids, probably mainly smaller companies. NCNA did not name any of the firms.

The size of China's offshore oil reserves is unknown, but many experts believe they are considerable and that they will greatly boost Chinese petroleum production, now stagnant at 100 million tonnes annually.

cial expansion in this area," Mr. Averin said.

The Maritime Ministry's most crucial challenge lies in opening up the vast, mineral-rich Siberian interior to shipping by conquering the ice of the so-called Northern Sea route.

The route, linking the European ports of Arkhangelsk and Murmansk with the Siberian coast and the Far East, is frozen for much of the year. Winter traffic to or from industrial bases uses an overloaded rail link or Pacific ports.

But within the next five years Moscow plans to open it to all-year-round navigation, cutting the journey from East to West and saving vast sums in fuel and labour.

Two atomic ice-breakers have already been built to cut across the thick Arctic ice and a third is due for completion by 1986.

Moscow has also ordered a fleet of 28 cargo ships, capable of smashing through one metre thick ice, to ply the route. Twelve of the vessels will be 18,000 tonnes, nine will be 8,000 tonnes and seven, 10,000 tonnes.

The Western ports of Murmansk and Arkhangelsk are currently being expanded to deal with the increased traffic. Further east the Siberian port of Norilsk is being modernised to handle copper, nickel, zinc and other metals from a vast new smelting works there.

Moscow also plans to establish a network of huge barges to act as "mini-ports" along the Siberian coast and supply the more remote industrial bases with technical equipment throughout the winter.

The barges, known as lighters, are packed with containers. In

Eagleburger predicts new Polish economic crisis

WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. Under-Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger predicted Wednesday a new internal crisis in Poland unless the martial law government "eases repression and solves the country's enormous economic problems."

Citing 30 years of Polish history, especially movements in recent years to demand reforms, Mr. Eagleburger said if existing political and economic conditions persist, inevitably there will be a problem internally in Poland.

"At some point there is going to have to be an accounting," he told the overseas writers group.

Mr. Eagleburger said he could not predict when the crisis might come or how authorities would handle it.

He said Polish officials, after "a very skillful job" in the initial crackdown last Dec. 13, now have no plans to deal with resulting Western sanctions or the "most serious economic problems" they have caused.

Railway workers complain that the Soviet merchant marine has four times as many containers at their disposal as they do. Often they are forced to unload container goods into ordinary wagons or to "poach" the marine's stock.

Mr. Averin said the main obstacle in the path of large-scale containerisation in the Soviet Union was the lack of a central computer to control the movement of rolling stock.

"You must understand that in a country as vast as ours the problems of organising container movements are magnified. We have a computer system which is not yet in full operation," he said.

August of each year they will be ferried out from Murmansk by specially-made carrier ships and left to be unloaded during the winter.

"We reckon the positioning of 50 or 60 lighters along the coast each year will work out much cheaper than building proper ports in those conditions," Mr. Averin said.

Western experts estimate that the three carrier ships which the Soviet Union hopes to commission for the job by 1986 will cost around 200 million dollars.

Asked to estimate the cost of the northern route project, Mr. Averin said: "The price will be enormous. I would hate to put a figure on the entire project but it will be one of our biggest investments over the next five years."

Soviet planners are giving high priority to the building of con-

India taps Chevron for oil exploration

NEW DELHI (A.P.) — The Indian government announced Tuesday that it had signed a 22-year agreement with the Chevron Overseas Petroleum Company of Texas for offshore oil exploration.

"The agreement signed last Friday provides that Chevron will bear the entire exploration risk and, if there is no commercial discovery, the entire cost will be borne by Chevron," Petroleum Minister P. Shiv Shanker told the ruling lower house of parliament.

Under the agreement, Chevron will drill exploratory oil wells 400 kilometres northwest of Bombay off the Gujarat State coast for a maximum of five years, spending a minimum of \$29 million. The contract covers an area of 18,500 square kilometres. India's Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) will acquire a 50 per cent working interest in the contract in hydrocarbons are discovered.

Part of the oil produced will be sold to the Indian government until "India attains self-sufficiency in crude oil," the minister said.

About 67 foreign companies responded last year when the Indian government called for bids for offshore oil exploration. Chevron was one of them. The government offered 42 prospective drilling places but most of the bids were for three sites.

Rolls-Royce bags Saudia contract

LONDON (R) — Saudi Arabian Airlines (Saudia) has awarded a £25 million contract to Rolls-Royce to equip an overhaul base for RB211 aero engines, the British company announced Wednesday.

The airline is the largest operator in the Middle East of wide-bodied Boeing 747 and Lockheed TriStar airliners powered by these engines.

The company said the new facility was being designed by Saudia and Rolls-Royce would initially train Saudi personnel in Britain until they became self-sufficient in this area.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — The market ended firm though turnover was fairly light due to end financial year considerations, dealers said. At 1500 the F.T. index was up 6.2 at 568.5.

Babcock International was up 10p at 106 after 1981 results turned out better than some operators had feared. Legal and general reported figures well above highest expectations and rose 17p to 250. Other insurance ended below best levels, with Guardian Royal unchanged at 3'4, also after full year results.

Gold shares and North American issues ended narrowly mixed. Long dated government bonds ended around 3/4 point higher helped by the resilience of sterling, dealers said.

Ferranti was up 1 1/2p at 66 1/2. News of a large Brazilian contract and Plessey rose 7p to 385. Thomson and GEC both firmed 10p. British Aerospace added 3p to 194, still benefiting from Tuesday's results. In oils, gains of 5p or 6p were noted in Burmah, Shell and Ultramar but banks remained a weak sector, with Barclays down 6p at 450.

Blue Circle gave up 1 1/2p to 452 on press reports of a possible increase in cement imports.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One sterling	1.7808/18	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.2281/84	Canadian dollars
	2.4140/50	West German marks
	2.6755/85	Dutch guilders
	1.9340/55	Swiss francs
	45.56/59	Belgian francs
	6.2420/60	French francs
	1322.50/1323.50	Italian lire
	247.05/25	Japanese yen
	5.9435/55	Swedish crowns
	6.1180/1200	Norwegian crowns
	8.2350/70	Danish crowns
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5:30 Sindbad
6:00 Lobo
7:00 Programme Preview
8:00 News in Arabic
8:30 Arabic Series
9:30 Documentary
10:10 Arabic Play
11:00 News Summary

CHANNEL 6

6:00 French Programme
7:00 News in French
7:30 News in Hebrew
8:30 One in a Million
9:10 Wing's Crossing
10:00 News in English
10:15 Movie of the Week: "Bullitt" Starring Steve McQueen

FOR FRIDAY

CHANNEL 3

10:00 Koran
10:20 Children's programme
11:00 Popeye
11:30 Religious Programme
13:00 The Muppet Show
13:25 The World We Live In
14:00 Soccer
15:00 Emergency
16:25 The Walltons
17:30 Science and Life
18:00 Western Theatre
19:00 Feature Film
19:30 Religious Programme
20:00 News in Arabic
20:30 Arabic Series
21:30 Local Variety Programme
22:00 Arabic Series
23:00 News in Arabic

CHANNEL 6

6:00 French Programme
7:00 News in French
7:30 News in Hebrew
8:30 Love Thy Neighbour
9:10 Fall Easy
10:00 News in English
10:15 Crown Court

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7:00 Sign on
7:01 Morning Show
7:30 News Bulletin
7:40 Morning Show
10:00 News Summary
10:03 Pop Session
11:00 Signing off
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12:03 Pop Session
13:00 News Summary
13:03 Pop Session
14:00 News
14:10 Instrumentals
14:30 Now Music
15:00 Concert Hour
16:00 News Summary
16:03 Instrumentals
16:30 Old Favourites
17:00 Special Feature
17:30 Pop Session
18:00 News Summary
18:03 My Word!
18:30 Melody Time
19:00 News Desk
19:30 Music
20:30 Evening Show
21:00 News Summary
21:03 Evening Show
22:00 Close down

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14:30 Old Favourites
17:00 Pop Session
18:00 News Summary
18:30 Top Twenty
19:00 News Desk
19:30 25 Years of Rock
20:30 Discovering Music
21:00 Jazz Hour
22:00 Close down

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04:00 Newsdesk 04:30 Classical Record Review 04:45 Financial News 04:55 Reflections 05:00 World News: 24 Hours News Summary 05:30 Peabody's Choice 05:45 The World Today 06:00 Newsdesk 06:30 Nature Notebook 06:40 The Farming World 07:00 World News: 24 Hours: News Summary 07:30 Country Style 07:45 Network U.K. 08:00 World News: Reflections 08:15 Short Story 08:30 John Peel 09:00 World News: British Press Review 09:15 The World Today 09:30 Financial News 09:40 Look Ahead 09:45 The Concerto 10:15 The Bridge of San Luis Rey 10:30 My Word! 11:00 World News: News about Britain 11:15 A Pattern of Faith 11:30 Assignment 12:00 Radio Newsdesk 12:15 Top Twenty 12:45 Sports Round-up 13:00 World News: 24 Hours: News Summary 13:30 Network U.K. 13:45 The Pleasure's Yours 14:30 Discovery 15:00 Radio Newsdesk 15:15 Outlook 16:00 World News: Commentary 16:15 Assignment 16:45 The World Today 17:00 World News: Meridian 17:40 Waveguide 17:45 Sports Round-up 18:00 World News: News about Britain 18:15 Radio Newsdesk 18:30 Animal, Vegetable or Mineral? 19:00 Outlook: News Summary 19:30 Stock Market Report 19:45 Look Ahead 19:45 Report on Religion 20:00 World News: 24 Hours News Summary 20:30 A Jolly Good Show 21:15 Ulster Newsletter 21:20 In the Meantime 21:30 Business Matters 22:00 World News 22:09 The World Today 22:25 Book Choice 22:30 Financial News, Reflections 22:45 Sports Round-up 23:00 World News: Commentary 23:15 Merchant Navy Programme 23:30 Meridian

SELECTED CHANGES FOR FRIDAY

05:30 Melodious Machines 07:30 New Waves 8:30 Smash of the Day: The Navy Lark 11:15 In the Me-

12:15 Jazz for the Asking 13:30 The Honourable Bob Marley 18:30 Conductor's Gallery 20:30 Jane Eyre 23:30 Haunted

VOICE OF AMERICA FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

GMT

03:00 Daybreak 04:00 The Breakfast Show 15:00 News Roundup: Reports, opinions, analyses 15:30 VOA Magazine Show: Americana, science, culture, letters 16:00 Special English News 16:10 Special English Science & Technology Report 16:15 Feature: The Making of a Nation (Friday: The Living Earth) 16:30 Now Music USA (Friday: Country Music USA) 17:00 News Roundup 17:30 Date-line 18:00 Special English News 18:10 Science and Technology Report 18:15 Feature 18:30 Music USA 19:00 News Roundup 19:30 VOA Magazine Show 20:00 Special English News 20:10 Science and Technology Report 20:15 Music USA: Jazz 21:00 VOA World Report

AMMAN AIRPORT

NOTE: The following airport arrivals and departures are provided to the Jordan Times by the Airline information department at Amman Airport, Tel. 92205-6. They should always be verified by phone before the arrival or departure of the flight.

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ARRIVALS:

8:00 Cairo (EA)
8:45 Cairo (EA)
8:55 Cairo (EA)
9:00 Damascus (CA)
9:30 Jeddah (SV)
9:40 Dhahran (CA)
9:45 Kuwait (KAC)
9:50 Ras Al Khaimah, Dubai (BA)
10:00 Doha, Bahrain (AF)
10:00 Beirut (AF)
10:25 Kuwait (AF)
11:05 Riyadh (SV)
15:30 Kuwait (KAC)
16:30 Cairo (EA)
16:55 Aqaba
17:00 Athens

FOR FRIDAY

ARRIVALS:

8:00 Cairo (EA)
8:55 Aqaba
9:40 Kuwait (KAC)
9:45 Dubai, Abu Dhabi (CA)
9:45 Cairo (EA)
10:00 Dhahran (CA)
10:10 Beirut (ME)
15:35 Jeddah, Medina (SV)
15:45 Tripoli, Tunis (CA)
16:45 Houston, N. York Vienna (CA)
17:15 Kuwait (KAC)
17:20 Kuwait (KAC)
17:30 Paris (AF)
17:35 Brussels, Geneva (AF)
17:40 Madrid, Athens (CA)
17:45 Frankfurt (LH)
18:00 London (BA)
19:35 Frankfurt (LH)
19:45 Paris (AF)
20:00 Beirut (MEA)
23:55 Baghdad

DEPARTURES

3:30 Amman
6:00 Beirut, Amsterdam (KLM)
6:30 Beirut (CA)
7:00 Aqaba
9:00 Cairo (EA)
9:25 Beirut (MEA)
11:55 Beirut (CA)
01:00 Baghdad
02:45 Baghdad

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Saudi riyal 102.1/102.2
Lebanese pound 70.8/71.3
Syrian pound 57.2/57.6
Iraqi dinar 46.85/46.84
Kuwaiti dinar 122.3/122.2
Egyptian pound 34.4/34.8
Omani riyal 95.6/96.2
UAE dirham 95.95/3
Omani riyal 100/100.2
U.S. dollar 621.8/625.5
U.K. sterling 144.6/145.5
W. German mark 180.4/181.5
Swiss franc 55.9/56.2
Italian lire 26.4/26.6
(for every 100) 26.4/26.6
Japanese yen 141.5/142.3
(for every 100) 141.5/142.3
Dutch guilder 36.5/37.7
Belgian franc 58.8/59.2
Swedish crown

MARKET PRICES

Tomatoes	120	70	Dry Onions	130	100
Eggplant (small)	230	180	Potatoes (local)	160	200
Potatoes (imported)	110	90	Broad Beans	130	130
Marrow (small)	250	200	Apples (Golden)	200	200
Cucumber (small)	340	280	Apples (Double Red)	250	200
Cucumber (large)	250	200	Apples (Starknet)	250	200
Hot Green Pepper	880	760	Lemons	180	140
Sweet Pepper	640	500	Oranges (Shamouti)	220	160
Cabbage	90	70	Oranges (Valencia)	150	100
Green onions	130	100	Cauliflowers (white)	200	180
Spinach	120	100	Carrot	150	100
Coconut (piece)	330	280	Turnips	130	100
Beans	650	550	Beet	140	120
Bananas	260	200	Lettuce (a head)	100	70
Bananas (Mukammur)	225	180	Radish	150	150
Pears	340	280	Sege	300	250
Garlic	660	560	Chard	150	100
Green Almonds per 1/2 pounds	170	120	Parsley	50	50
			Grapefruit	130	100

SPORTS

UNC wins NCAA basketball title

NEW ORLEANS (Agencies) — The University of North Carolina basketball team won a 63-62 victory over Georgetown University March 29 at New Orleans to take the 1982 NCAA Division One basketball title.

Ivan Lendl beats Christoph Zif

FRANKFURT (R) — Top Seed Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia had unexpected difficulty in subduing West German Christoph Zif 6-4, 6-4 in the first round of the \$250,000 Frankfurt Grand Prix tennis tournament Wednesday.

China accuses ISF chief of violating regulations

PEKING (R) — Olympic chief Juan Antonio Samaranch indicated Wednesday night that the organisers of the Women's World Softball Championships in Taiwan in July might have broken Olympic regulations by their arrangements.

China has accused the American head of the International Softball Federation (ISF), Don Porter, of violating ISF regulations by issuing invitations referring to Taiwan as the Republic of China.

Mr. Samaranch, President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), told a press conference in Peking that sports federations recognised by the IOC, including the ISF, "must follow our rules and our agreements."

He said this included the agreements made when China was admitted to the IOC in November 1979, under which Taiwan agreed to compete in the games as "China Taipei" and without its national anthem and flag.

A spokesman for the Taiwan Organising Committee said in Taipei Tuesday that only 19 of the 46 invited countries had so far confirmed they would take part in the championship.

Mr. Samaranch declined to condemn the ISF publicly, and said all international sports federations were independent. But he

added that, if any federation was not following IOC rules and agreements, the IOC would discuss the case when it met in Rome in May.

He said the softball issue had not been raised during a meeting with Communist Party Vice-Chairman Deng Xiaoping Wednesday, adding that the meeting had focussed on the development of sport in China.

His visit to China had nothing to do with the softball crisis, he said. "But if we can help we are always ready to do so," he added.

He also said he was "expecting to see a very big Chinese team in our next Olympic games in Los Angeles in 1984."

Wimbledon prize money increased

LONDON (R) — Officials of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships Wednesday announced a near-doubling of prize money for this year's event and indicated there was a chance that five-time champion Bjorn Borg would not have to qualify.

The championship committee said overall prize money was being increased to £593,366 (\$1,056,120) from last year's £322,136 (\$573,400). The figures include the tournament's Grand Prix bonus pool contribution.

American John McEnroe, who won £21,600 (\$38,450) for his triumph in the men's singles last year, will earn £41,667 (\$74,167) if he takes the title again this time.

In the women's singles, won last year by Chris Evert Lloyd, the reward increases to £37,500 (\$66,750) from last year's £19,440 (\$37,791).

Last year, however, the players had the advantage of a higher dollar conversion rate—2.40 compared to the present 1.78—and All-England chairman Sir Brian Burnett gave this as one of the reasons for the increase.

Sir Brian said greater bonus pool contributions and a rise in players' expenses were other factors, but he denied that the jump in prize money for this year's U.S. Open, from one million to 1.5 million dollars, had any effect.

"We did not know of the U.S. prize money when we decided what ours would be," he said. "In any case we don't believe money is the main criterion in being the best championship in the world."

Citing the other factors, he said a 25 per cent rise was necessary. "Increases have been restricted to an average of seven per cent over the last three years and this has not kept pace with inflation, the U.S. or French Opens or some other events in the United States."

He said much of the increased expense would come from the extra Sunday being added at the end of the championships.

The most striking comparison, however, was with the first open Wimbledon in 1968, when prize money was £26,158.

He said the men's plate event, for early round losers, would not be held this year because of the number of defaults last year, but a men's 35 and over singles event was being added.

On the question of Borg, Sir Brian said he would be discussing the matter with Men's Professional Council and Grand Prix officials in Monte Carlo next week.

Borg, who lost last year's final to McEnroe, has refused to sign for ten Grand Prix events this year and under existing rules must therefore qualify for every event he enters.

Sir Brian would not comment on the possibility of Borg not having to qualify for Wimbledon, but stressed that Wimbledon officials had a "clear view on the matter" which he would be stressing at next week's meeting.

Peru reverses last week's defeat by Chile

LIMA (R) — A 39th minute goal by Eduardo Malasquez gave Peru a 1-0 victory over Chile here Tuesday night, in a warm-up match for the World Soccer Cup finals in Spain in June.

The result reversed a 2-1 defeat suffered by Peru against their southern neighbours in Santiago a week ago.

Peru are drawn in Group One of the finals with Italy, Poland and Cameroon while Chile face West Germany, Austria and Algeria in Group Two.

Peru, despite lacking star forward Julio Cesar Uribe and two strikers contracted to foreign clubs, took the initiative from the start.

Jose Velasquez linked with Cesar Cueto in midfield to set up a stream of attacks on the Chilean goal.

The goal was a just reward for Peru's early domination and demonstrated Malasquez's brilliant finishing.

A chip forward was headed down to Guillermo la Rosa who pushed the ball across the edge of the area and Malasquez hammered a low right-foot shot inside Osborn's right-hand post.

The goal spurred the Chileans to counter-attack and only superb saves by Ramon Quiroga prevented them from equalling before the interval.

The pace dropped in the second half and Chile, also fielding a depleted side, threatened to level terms as Peru gave them more space and time in midfield.

But although Chile brought on star striker Cazely as a substitute, it was Peru who came closest to scoring.



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Fixed Assets					Current				
Furniture	29852	235			Bank of Commerce	14934	905		
Cars	13187	041			Creditors	1988606	685		
Trucks	31917	400						2003541	590
Heavy Equipments	425238	829			Profit & Loss Acc				
Tools	21804	346			Profit	245833	929		
Total	521999	851			Less Previous Loss	(42581)	(649)		
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(218174)	(039)							
			303825	812	Taxable Profit	203252	280		
					divided into				
Current Assets					Income Tax	81300	912		
Cash - Office	759	290			Reservation	121951	368		
Cash - Project 301	919	528			Net Profit			203252	280
Cash - Project 302	—	450							
Citibank - JD	5710	777							
Citibank - US	1665	144							
Bank of Commerce	72830	435							
Debtors	3708	730							
			85594	354					
Accounts									
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Receivable Payments	1518845	868							
Retention	238568	004							
Guarantees	57251	500							
Prepaid Expenses	2708	332							
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LOS ANGELES (Agencies) — winners of 1981 Oscar awards pronounced Monday night.

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The bicentenary planners say the main ceremonies in April have

been little advertised abroad.

Bangkok is hardly heavenly. Parts of it are sinking, there is a stench from its canals, its tap water is undrinkable and its flooding, traffic, fumes and din are notorious.

the king, devotion to Buddhism
and national pride.

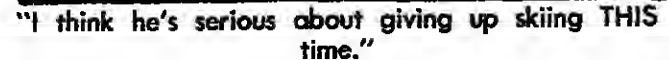
normal holiday of Chakri day. A second procession of the gilded swan-necked barges, manned by 2,000 oarsmen, will be held on April 12.

"For centuries we Thais have been refining the art of 'sanuk' — having a good time," Gen. Chan said. "We require less reason and preparation to have a really good time than any other people I can recall."

LOS ANGELES (Agencies) — The following is the list of the winners of 1981 Oscar awards in the major categories announced Monday night.

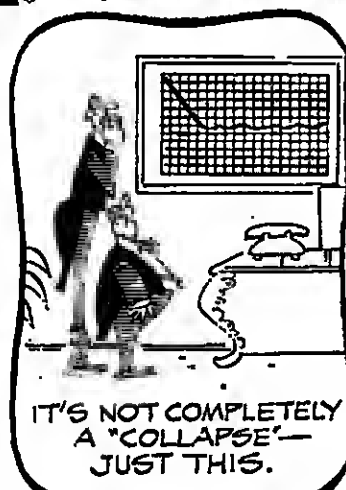
- Best picture: "Chariots of Fire."
- Best actor: Henry Fonda, "On Golden Pond."
- Best actress: Katharine Hepburn, "On Golden Pond."
- Best supporting actor: John Gielgud, "Arthur."
- Best supporting actress: Maureen Stapleton, "Reds."
- Best director: Warren Beatty, "Reds."
- Best original screenplay: Colin Welland, "Chariots of Fire."
- Best screenplay adaptation: Ernest Thompson, "On Golden Pond."
- Best cinematography: Vittorio Storaro, "Reds."
- Best editing: Michael Kahn, "Raiders of the Lost Ark."
- Best art and set decoration: Norman Reynolds, Leslie Dilley and Michael Ford, "Raiders of the Lost Ark."
- Best score: Vangelis, "Chariots of Fire."
- Best song: Burt Bacharach, Carole Bayer Sager, Christopher Cross and Peter Allen, "Arthur's Theme (Best That You Can Do)."
- Best visual effects: Richard Edlund, Kirk West, Bruce Nicholson and Joe Johnston, "Raiders of the Lost Ark."
- Best costume design: Milena Canonero, "Chariots of Fire."
- Best makeup: Rick Baker, "An American Werewolf in London."
- Best sound: Bill Varney, Steve Malsow, Gregg Landaker and Roy Charman, "Raiders of the Lost Ark."
- Best foreign language film: "Mephisto," Hungary.

By Vinson



by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: ☐ 64 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Yesterday's | Jumbles: BURST MILKY IMPOSE ABUSED
| Answer: You can prove your uprightness by taking
| this line—PLUMB

NO, MA'AM

I DIDN'T SAY A WORD

AS WE BOTH KNOW, SILENCE IS GOLDEN...

I'M GOING FOR THE GOLD!

JEFF KINNEY

TAXI!!

HEY, CABBIE!!
HOW MUCH TO
GO TO BROADWAY
AND 45TH?

THAT'LL
BE
\$14.75,
MAC!

BUS!

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AND STAY OUT!
YOU'RE NOT
A MEMBER!

NIGHT
CLUB

OW COME A MISERABLE
DEVIL LIKE YOU EVER
GOT A JOB AS A
DOORMAN?!!

I LIKE
MEETIN'
PEOPLE

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

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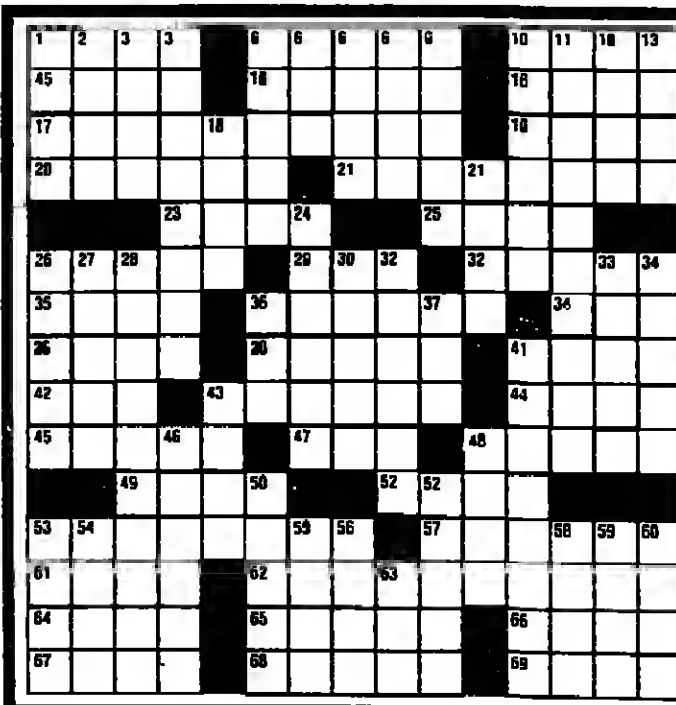
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By Elaine D. Schorr

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WORLD

Columbia prepares for next space trip

HOUSTON, Texas (Agencies) — The U.S. space shuttle Columbia was being prepared Wednesday for another launch in late June after its third and longest mission ended safely with a delayed touchdown.

Astronauts Gordon Fullerton and Jack Lousma on Tuesday landed the 99,800-kilogram reusable space freighter at the White Sands missile range in the New Mexico desert. The return was delayed for one day because of high winds on Monday.

Space agency officials said the craft will be taken to Florida on April 7 for its next mission, the last of four tests in a \$10-billion development programme leading to routine ferrying through space.

As well as experiments, the June flight will carry a secret cargo belonging to the Defence Department.

An air force spokesman said the shuttle's military tasks on its next mission and over the coming few years would include deploying satellites, including some that can be used for spying and early warning systems.

U.K. musters muscles for war over Falkland

LONDON (R) — Britain was reported mustering a show of naval strength around the South Atlantic Falkland Islands Wednesday after giving notice to Argentina that it will defend the disputed archipelago.

British newspapers front-page reports that the navy had already dispatched more than one nuclear-powered submarine to the Falklands, a wind-swept chain of islands off the coast of Argentina.

The London Daily Express said one of the hunter-killer submarines was carrying a crack detachment of marines.

The Express also said three destroyers and a frigate from a fleet assembled in Gibraltar for a Mediterranean exercise had been alerted to sail if diplomacy failed to resolve the crisis over the Falklands, one of Britain's few remaining colonies.

The British government refused to confirm or deny the reports, with the defence ministry insisting: "We do not discuss the operational deployment of Royal Navy ships."

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4 killed, 100 injured in parachute jump mishap

FORT IRWIN, California (R) — Four U.S. Army paratroopers were killed and 100 injured in a mass jump designed to see how fast a strike force could move into trouble spots around the world, military officials said.

Three thousand paratroopers took part in Operation Gallant Eagle '82 over the Mojave Desert in California Tuesday, the biggest exercise of its kind carried out by the United States since the Second World War.

The commander of the joint services operation, Lt.-Gen. Robert Kingston, offered no explanation for the casualties except to say that parachuting was an inherently dangerous operation.

Winds in the drop zones were below the maximum speed of 13 knots set for peacetime jumps, he said.

But some of the paratroopers taken to hospital said they encountered strong winds as they neared the ground.

Of the 100 injured, 80 later returned to their units. Some of the 20 detained in hospital had serious leg, head and spinal injuries, military officials said.

UAE minister in Moscow

KUWAIT (R) — The interior minister of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Sheikh Mubarak Bin Mohammed Al Nahayan, arrived in Moscow Wednesday for medical treatment, the Kuwait News Agency said.

In a dispatch from the Soviet capital, it said the surprise trip was the first by a UAE minister to the Soviet Union. The two countries maintain no diplomatic relations.

Sheikh Mubarak, a close relative of UAE President, Sheikh Zaid Bin Sultan Al Nahayan, was seriously injured in a road accident in Britain two years ago.

Washington recognises Guatemala military rulers

GUATEMALA CITY (R) — The United States has recognised the military government which seized power in Guatemala last week, a foreign relations ministry spokesman said.

U.S. Ambassador Frederick Chapin on Tuesday handed Guatemala Foreign Minister Alfonso Alonso Lima an official note on behalf of the American government, the spokesman added.

The note underlined the U.S. government's wish to continue "friendly relations and cooperation between the United States and Guatemala," he said.

N. Zealand 'will survive superpower nuclear war'

WELLINGTON (R) — New Zealand would probably survive a nuclear war between the superpowers since it would not attract an attack from the Soviet Union, a report by a government body said Wednesday.

The report, by the Commission for the Future, said New Zealand would probably avoid the worst consequences of a nuclear war, even if civilisation and most life in the northern hemisphere were destroyed.

But it said the same would not apply for Australia, which has three major U.S. communications and intelligence facilities.

Commenting on the report, Prime Minister Robert Muldoon quoted analysts in his external intelligence bureau as saying that few, if any, locations in the southern hemisphere were thought likely targets in a nuclear war.

New discovery extends universe

CANBERRA (R) — A team of Australian and British astronomers say they have discovered the most distant object known in the universe — a new quasar which is 18 billion light years from Earth.

Dr. David Jauncey, one of the scientists, said Wednesday the discovery of the quasar called PKS 2000 Minus 330, had disproved a theory that the edge of the universe had already been discovered.

"If there is an edge to the universe it is certainly further than this quasar," Dr. Jauncey told Reuters. But he said the team now knew how to locate very distant quasars and expected to find others even farther from Earth.

For 10 years scientists have been searching for a quasar further away than the previous most distant, 16 billion light years from Earth, which was discovered in 1972. Their failure until now had encouraged a theory that the edge of the universe had been found.

The exact structure of quasars is not known but Dr. Jauncey said they were very large balls of extremely hot gas emitting very intense radiation.

The latest quasar is calculated to be emitting the energy of 100 billion suns.

Australia's minister for science and technology, David Thomson, said in an announcement of the discovery that it would open a new debate on the age and size of the universe and the nature of quasars.

He said the quasar existed long before the solar system was formed.

Anti-ETA group bombed French train

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain (R) — A Spanish ultra-rightist group opposed to the Basque separatists said Wednesday it planted the bomb which killed five people on the Paris-Toulouse express in France this week.

Separatist guerrillas meanwhile claimed two more victims, one of them a San Sebastian surgeon who was shot through the head Tuesday night. The other, a police bodyguard, died in hospital Wednesday from injuries received last week.

Eleven people have died in political violence in the Basque country this year, seven of them killed in the past two weeks by the separatist organisation ETA (Basque Homeland and Freedom) or a connected group.

The Oyarzun area of the Basque country was paralysed by a general strike in protest against the death after a heart attack of a local doctor who had been held by police for suspected links with ETA. Officials denied that he was tortured.

An anonymous telephone caller told the Bilbao newspaper Deia that the ultra-rightist Spanish Basque Battalion staged last Monday's bomb attack on the French train near Limoges.

The caller said the group would stage an attack on French territory, where Spanish authorities say separatists have bases, for each ETA attack in Spain.

Deia journalists said the same man telephoned the newspaper last week, threatening retaliation in France after ETA killed two policemen and the fiancée of one of them Sestao, near Bilbao.

Dr. Ramiro Carasa Perez, head of the emergency ward at San Sebastian's social security hospital, was shot with a single bullet through the head Tuesday night.

A man claiming to speak for ETA's hardline Military wing told the radical newspaper Egin he was "executed" after questioning.

Gen. Giap — known to his followers as "Nui Luu (the volcano under the snow)" — went on two decades later to force the U.S. government to withdraw American troops from South Vietnam.

On April 30, 1975, his army entered Saigon, ending the longest conflict of the 20th century and re-unifying the country.

At their talks, the 14th in an annual series of meetings on defence, the two allies agreed that the security of South Korea was essential to that of the United States and that any armed invasion of the south would be regarded as jeopardising both.

The communiqué said Washington would provide prompt and effective assistance to repel such an attack. South Korea will continue to rely on the U.S. nuclear umbrella for its security, it added.

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MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

French diplomat harassed in Lebanon

BEIRUT (A.P.) — French Ambassador Paul Marc Henry, whose predecessor was assassinated here last year, was harassed while driving through a Syrian road-block in eastern Lebanon, a French embassy spokesman reported Wednesday. This was the latest in a series of recent harassments of foreign diplomats that forced a number of ambassadors and their staffs to leave the country. The French spokesman, who declined to be identified, said Mr. Henry was driving across Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley on Tuesday with a Lebanese security escort when his convoy was stopped at a Syrian military checkpoint. A Syrian soldier demanded to see the ambassador's papers despite Henry's protests he had diplomatic immunity, the spokesman said. Mr. Henry was allowed to proceed only after showing his papers to a senior Syrian officer. The spokesman said the French diplomat refused to complain to the foreign ministry because he regarded the affair as a "minor" incident.

Turkish defendants reject charges

ISTANBUL (A.P.) — Several defendants in a mass trial of 159 alleged leftist terrorists here Wednesday rejected prosecutor's charges they were a part of a "subversive conspiracy" aimed at setting up a Communist regime in Turkey. The defendants began to give testimony to the three-judge military tribunal after a prosecutor completed last week reading a 347-page indictment against the group. The defendants are accused of being members of the Dev-Yol (revolutionary way) leftist armed gang, one of at least 30 leftist armed groups whose acts triggered the military takeover in September 1980.

Yamit settlers defy evacuation deadline

YAMIT, Occupied Sinai (R) — Hundreds of Jewish settlers were preparing to defy the army's deadline day as the last hours ticked away for civilian evacuation of the northern Sinai prior to its return to Egypt next month. Most of the inhabitants of Yamit and 13 neighbouring agricultural settlements who have been told they must leave the region by Wednesday have been replaced by hardline Israelis determined to resist the pullout. Hundreds of ultra-nationalists who have taken over abandoned buildings in the town seem ready for any eventuality.

Tunis University students clash

TUNIS (A.P.) — Thirty students were injured, two seriously in clashes in Tunis university's arts and human sciences branch, Tunisian newspapers reported Wednesday. They said the fighting was between leftist and Muslim fundamentalists. Police intervened to restore order and arrested 23 persons. The campus was closed until the end of spring vacation April 10.

Palestinian held in W. Berlin on suspicion

WEST BERLIN (R) — A Palestinian who hid explosives in tubes of toothpaste and shaving cream has been detained by security men on suspicion of preparing a bomb attack, police said Wednesday. The 26-year-old man, who has not been named, was detained on Monday after he arrived in West Berlin on March 19. He had flown from Beirut to East Germany's Schoenefeld Airport.

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